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Mr. Joshua Lederberg
c/o The Washington Post
1515 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lederberg:

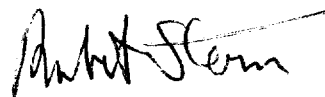
All of us here at the Population Crisis Committee read your very positive article in The Washington Post on Sunday, May 2, regarding the problems of population dealing with poor people. With what you have said we are in full agreement. You have expressed the problem in simple terms and you have recognized the necessity for separating the problem from any entangling allied associations such as racism.

We hope from time to time you will continue to prod the public with regard to population problems as they apply to different segments of our national society to remind people of their responsibility towards the international scene. It becomes more obvious that the people problems of the world will sooner or later be our problems here in the U. S., at least in part. Wouldn't we be smart if we were able to anticipate our involvement rather than to wait until the extent of the problem becomes monumental?

As a matter of fact, and you probably recognize this, they are monumental right now. We do have a crisis even though it may not be recognized as such by the general public. For that reason back in 1965 the Population Crisis Committee was formed to act as a stimulant in various capacities towards different organizations that are in a position to have an effect on the outcome of the various population questions. For almost five years this group has been able to offer support to other groups, to make suggestions to those in authority, and in general to cut red tape to produce action.

As of necessity we are a small group and we will remain so deliberately. We do solicit your continuing interest in what we are doing and in the population problems in general. I am sending you several pieces of literature of recent origin and suggest that if you would like to be placed on our mailing list and develop an even stronger association with our group, that you let me know.

Yours truly,



Robert D. Stern

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